

Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title:

California Water Plan Update

2. Lead Agency/Department for Program:

The Department of Water Resources is required (by statute) to prepare the Water Plan Updates. However, this process has evolved into a multi-agency collaborative effort that includes 30 State Agencies.

3. Brief Description of Program:

The **California Water Plan** provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future. The plan, updated every five years, presents the status and trends of California's water-dependant natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios. The California Water Plan also evaluates different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship. The evaluations and assessments performed for the plan help identify effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come. The California Water Plan presents these actions and policies, along with recommendations for implementing them, as a way of assisting policy-makers and others considering the state of water in California.

4. Purpose and Objectives of Program:

Produce a strategic water plan that: meets California Water Code requirements; guides State investments in innovation and infrastructure; and advances integrated water management and sustainable outcomes.

5. Timeline for Program Objectives:

Public Review Draft – February 2013;
Final Draft - December 2013

6. Current Status of Program:

On Schedule

7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Annual Budget for Program:

FY 11/12

\$2.2 million general fund*

\$0.8 million SWP funds

\$3.5 million Bond funds

\$ 6.5 Million Total

FY 12/13

\$2.2 million general fund*

\$0.8 million SWP funds

\$3.0 million Bond funds

\$ 6.0 Million Total

FY 13/14

\$2.2 million general fund*

\$0.8 million SWP funds

\$ 3.0 Million Total

*Assumes no further reductions in general fund

9. URL, if a Website is Available:

<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov>

10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program?

The Water Plan is strategic plan that does not investigate, develop or implement specific projects and hence, does not develop adaptive management plans per se. However, the concept of adaptive management at a strategic level is important for guiding State investment and policy decisions; particularly as a tool for addressing uncertainties. Update 2013 will emphasize the importance of adaptive management in the context of potential guidelines and/or project components that are desirable for water management activities that the State either administers or invests in. Update 2013 will also include development, and potential application, of a *California Water Sustainability Indicators Framework*. The indicators framework is expected to enhance adaptive resource management decision-support and policy change.

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11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program:

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Please return your completed questionnaire to Gina Ford (gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov) no later than October 6, 2011.